

Stenographer's Death In Burning Cottage Is Ruled Accident

The death of Mrs. Jeanne Fecteau, a Central Intelligence Agency stenographer whose body was found in a burned cottage at Avalon Shores, Md., near Annapolis, today was officially listed as accidental.

Dr. Elmer G. Linhardt, Anne Arundel County medical examiner, signed the certificate after an autopsy report attributed death to burns and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Mrs. Fecteau, 27, died in a fire that swept the cottage of Maj. Carl P. Garver, an Air Force officer stationed here, Saturday night. Maj. Garver was asleep on a front porch when the blaze started and was burned trying to reach Mrs. Fecteau whose body was found beneath a bed in a bedroom, according to police.

Firemen said they believed the blaze started from an overheated hotplate. Meanwhile, the District Homicide Squad notified the Maryland authorities that Mrs. Fecteau had been treated for a burned hand after a blaze August 13 in an apartment in the 2600 block of Tunlaw road N.W. Washington police said this fire was caused by careless smoking which set a couch afire.

Mrs. Fecteau, who had been living recently at the Dupont Plaza Hotel, was the wife of Richard G. Fecteau of Lynn, Mass., a civilian administrative assistant listed as missing last December on a transport plane between Japan and Korea.

Maj. Garver lives at 3801 Connecticut avenue N.W., and is an instructor in the Air ROTC at George Washington University.